



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[4910-EX-P]

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0050]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of 115 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that

would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 115 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following 25 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

John O. Adams	Chamekia Allison	William S. Bennett
Alex J. Cordova	Lee J. Gaffney	Joseph P. Gatzek
Victor Gulian	James L. Howes	Jose R. Izaguirre
Robert C. Jeffries	Douglas R. Johnston	Joshua L. Johnson
Charles D. Jones	Darrell T. Leonard	Steven L. Loper
Jared J. Martin	Peni M. Matanimeke	Thomas I. Poindexter
Joaquin Rivera	Michael D. Roe	Allen Rowbotham
Zachary M. Sawyer	Marcus W. Scott	John J. Tilton
Joshua Yeick		

The following 24 applicants did not have three years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Raed A. Abdelrahim	Jaloliddin S. Abduvakhbov	Elbert A. Akers
Esmic Arras-Saenz	Howard D. Barton	Alan F. Brown
Jerry Carter	Donald E. Cessna, Sr.	Douglas G. Gentry
Jerry G. Henry III	Delbert R. Hummel	Timothy L. Kennie
Ricky A. Mobley	Gabriel Navarro	Ronald D. Otworth
Frederick E. Place	Joshua S. Reiling	Timothy A. Robbins
Anthony A. Salesi	Rodney M. Spigner	Charles Till
Benny P. Whitehead	Charles R. Williams	Wilson B. Willie

The following seven applicants did not have three years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Jeffrey S. Branch	Richard Jarrell	Duane A. McCord
Todd O. Moodispaugh	Reynerio G. Paz	Lynn C. Radney, Sr.
Rick L. Richardson		

The following three applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past three years under normal highway operating conditions:

Harold L. Cobb	Allen Hewitt	Clarence H. Lee
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The following applicant, James Lyman, was charged with a moving violation(s) in conjunction with a commercial motor vehicle accident(s).

The following applicant, Kevin E. Putney, had his CDL suspended in relation to a moving violation during the three-year period. Applicants do not qualify for an exemption with a suspension during the three-year period.

The following three applicants were unable to obtain a statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist stating that he was able to operate a commercial vehicle from a vision standpoint:

Roger F. Berneking	Kip M. Le Fever	David N. Skillings
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The following applicant, Michael A. Stiles, was denied for miscellaneous/multiple reasons.

The following two applicants did not have stable vision for the entire three-year period:

Wesley A. Boyd	Thomas E. Lippincott
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The following applicant, Myrick J. Jackson, never submitted the documents required for a vision exemption.

The following applicant, Aaron Wiebe, lives in Canada.

The following two applicants did not meet the vision standard in their better eye:

Thomas E. Allen	Michael J. Pullman
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The following 13 applicants met the current federal vision standards. Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

Elazar Ambriz	Steven P. Cohen	Aubrey B. Cook
John D. Hamm	Randal E. Heibult	Thomas M. King
Donald R. Knobloch	Rodney E. Parks	Rene J. Patenaude
Theodore T. Phillips	David Searcy	Guy Waltz
Lloyd F. Wood		

The following 26 applicants were denied because they will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or are not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Melvin C. Bennett	James E. Campbell	Jeremy L. Elliott
Edward T. Errichetto	Stefano U. Fabbri	Sebastian Fernandez
Phillp M. Green	Antone J. Heideman Jr.	Eric J. Hidden
Jared B. Holt	Paul E. Irish, Jr.	Justin M. Jackson
Elias Lemus, Jr.	Thomas J. Manning	David B. McConnell
Timothy J. Miller	George Moore, Jr.	Elpidio Munoz, Jr.
Nicholas M. O'Rourke	William F. Potts	Michael L. Rouse
George E. Shores	Claude G. Stolp	James R. Taylor
Joseph M. Taylor	Joseph H. Varel	

Finally, the following five applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

Bryan A. Jenkins	Anton M. Maloblocki	Stuart P. Nichols
Lawrence K.W. Smith	James A. White, Jr.	

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